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TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER
(WARSAW)

THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER STANDS BENEATH THE SHATTERED REM-
NANT OF THE SASKI PALACE-A LONELY FRAGMENT OF COLONNADE COMINATING
VICTORY SQUARE IN WARSAW.

VICTORY SQUARE IS REICH IN HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS. THE ORIGINAL SASKI
PALACE WAS BUILT BY THE POLISH KING STANISLAW AUGUSTUS II IN THE
EIGHTEENTH CENTURY. BENEATH ITS WINDOWS POLISH BATTALIONS AND THE
CITIZENRY OF WARSAW FOUGHT A FUTILE BATTLE AGAINST OVERWHELMING
NUMBERS OF INVADING CZARIST TROOPS BEFORE BEING DEFEATED IN 1794.

HERE IN THE SQUARE BEFORE THE TOMB, THE STORY OF MODERN POLAND HAS
UNFOLDED IN MINIATURE. NAPOLEON'S TROOPS PARADED THERE. IT
BECAME THE SCENE OF CZARIST MILITARY REVIEWS DURING THE OCCU-
PATION OF WARSAW BY THE RUSSIANS. FOLLOWING THE ABORTIVE POLISH
INSURRECTION OF 1830 THE CZARIST AUTHORITIES PLANNED TO CONSTRUCT
AN IMMENSE FORTRESS ON THE SITE TO OVERAWE THEIR INTRANSIGENT
POLISH SUBJECTS. THE PLAN WAS LATER CHANGED AND AN ORTHODOX
CATHEDRAL ERECTED TO SYMBOLIZE THE RUSSIFICATION OF POLAND.
THIS WAS DEMOLISHED BY THE NEW POLISH REPUBLIC IN 1924.

THE SITE OF THE TOMB ITSELF, SASKI PALACE, WAS HEADQUARTERS
FOR THE POLISH GENERAL STAFF BETWEEN THE TWO WORLD WARS AND
WAS GUTTED DURING THE SIEGE OF WARSAW IN 1939. THE SHELL WAS
BLOWN UP BY THE DEPARTING GERMANS IN 1945.

THE TOMB AND ITS OCCUPANT, A STUDENT WHO FELL DEFENDING THE FORMER
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